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ordered the cancellation of a scheduled showing of a very controversial film, "Hail Mary", after being contacted by a concerned state senator." I don't object to what he is saying in the letter other than the fact that I have a perfect right when I object to any program by the university, by any agency, by any department, to stand up at this microphone and object to it or call that agency and tell them that I object to what they are doing. That's exactly what I did. I told them that I would give them a few days time to make up their mind and I was going to introduce a resolution on the floor of the Legislature objecting to the film. Now, my first and strongest objection is the fact that Senator Landis used the Executive Board's stationery to send this letter out. I talked to Senator Beutler. He said that is perfectly all right, that senators have the right to use the Executive Board's stationery. There are three members, actually there is one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve...fourteen senators signed the letter, only three of them are members of the Exec Board. I asked Senator Beutler, was it discussed in the Exec Board? It was not. Did anyone take a vote or ask for a vote on what I had done? He said it was not. I want to know from either the Speaker or the Chairman of the Exec Board whether or not it is proper for any member of the Legislature to use the Exec Board's stationery to send out a letter criticizing something that a senator has done when it has not been discussed in the Exec Board. It was not voted on in any committee, but he used the Exec Board's stationery. I feel that if you're going to criticize anybody, you should have the courage or the guts to use your own stationery with your own name on the letterhead and not embarrass the other members of the Exec Board by using their stationery.

SPEAKER NICHOL: In answer to your question, I'll answer for myself, I don't use Executive Board's stationery, I have my own and I use that. Senator Beutler may wish to respond, if he's here. Senator Beutler, did you wish to respond to that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would respond, but I am responding at the disadvantage that I didn't hear all of Senator Bernice's remarks, or Senator Labedz's remarks. She did ask me earlier about the use of what is called Executive Board letterhead. The custom in the Legislature up unto this present point in time has been that whenever more than one